population, Development and allotment of land for various uses including the Co-operative Group Housing Societies will be a continuous process till the project is fully implemented. It is not possible at this stage of the project to give any time frame for its completion and allotment of land to societies.

(c) No such complaints have been made to the D.D.A.

Out of turn allotment of flats by Vice-Chairman of DDA

2183. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the former Vice-Chairman of the Delhi Development Authority had allotted out of turn about 256 flats of various categories during the last nine months of 1989 and whether there was political pressure for doing so; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the criterion for out of turn allotment of flats and also the policy in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b). Out of turn allotments of DDA flats is done by Lt. Governor, Delhi/Vice-Chairman, D.D.A. on merits of each case and as per the guidelines laid down by the Government from time to time. According to current guidelines in the matter Lt. Governor, Delhi/Vice-Chairman, DDA can allot 2-1/2 per cent of the total flats allotted during a year on out of turn basis in cases of extreme compassion and hardship, as also widows and physically handicapped persons and in such other special cases which in their opinion deserves special consideration. 260 out of turn allotments were sanctioned during the last 9 months of the year 1989. Out of these only 16 were sanctioned by the then Vice-Chairman, DDA.

Exploitation of consumers

2184. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the concern expressed in December last by the President of National Consumer Protection Commission, Justice V. B. Eradi over the exploitation of consumers, stating that the Consumer Protection Act of 1986, has failed to provide respite; and

(b) if so, Government's Action Plan, if any, to to pulg the loopholes of the Act and to activate Government machinery for effectivly protecting the Consumers?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI NATHU RAM MIRDHA): (a) and (b). The Government has received some proposals from the National Consumers Disputes Redressal Commission to carry out certain amendments in the Act to make it more effectively. These proposals are under consideration. The Government is pursuing States and Union Territories to expedite the setting up of redressal machinery under the Consumer Protection Act, 1986.

Economic Development for the welfare of SC/ST during Seventh Five Year Plan period

2185. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether only a small part of Government's investment during the Seventh Five Year Plan and in subplans for the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was actually invested for their economic development; what has been the